

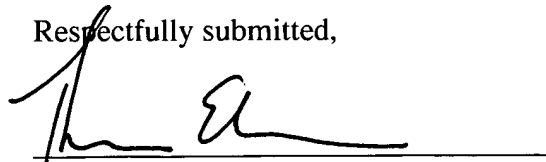
REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations directed to the basket, particularly to the pair of wheels supporting the basket and a link member connecting the basket to the frame of the gathering device, the rake being pivotally attached to the basket to be empty. Claim 9 and Claim 14 have been amended to include the limitations directed to the tines and to the adjustment mechanism to distinguish this claim from the prior art. It is respectfully submitted that none of the prior art cited includes an adjustment member having an adjustment mechanism disposed between the wheels and the frame to facilitate adjustment. Likewise none of the prior art teach, discloses or suggests a basket attachment. The support mechanism as set forth in Applicant's claims.

Claims 1, 4, 9, 12, 14 and 17 have been amended. Claims 1-20 remain in the application.

Based on the above, Applicant submits that the claims are in a condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner finds to the contrary, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned in charge of this application be called at the telephone number given below to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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